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Response to Restriction Requirement and Election-of-Species Requirement

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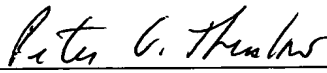
Sir:

In response to the office action dated January 23, 2006, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, Group I, (claims 1-8, 17-21 and 26-36, drawn to a writing instrument, classified in class 401, subclass 103) and Species 1, as shown in Figures 1-5. Applicants fully reserve all rights to prosecute the subject matter of the non-elected groups and species in one or more subsequent related applications.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Should any fees be required, however, please charge such fees to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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